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BY HAND

The Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 1050
New York, NY 10007

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Re: *Zhukov v. Quarantillo et al.*, 07 Civ. 7918 (AKH)

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

This Office represents the defendants Andrea Quarantillo, Director, New York Office, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS"); Michael Chertoff, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"); Emilio Gonzalez, Director, USCIS; and Robert Mueller, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") (collectively, the "Government"), in the above-referenced case. Plaintiffs Maxim Zhukov and Ludmila Zhukova seek to compel the Government to adjudicate their applications for permanent residence.

The Government's answer or other responsive pleading is currently due on December 10, 2007. The Government respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time – until January 9, 2008 – to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint. The extension of time will enable the Government to better determine the status of plaintiffs' applications for permanent residence.

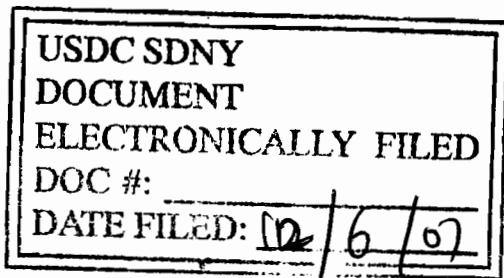
This is the Government's first request for an extension. Plaintiffs' counsel consents to this request. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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